

By the Queene.

A Proclamation vwith certayne clauses

of diuers Statutes, & other necessary additions, first published

in the xix. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, and now reviued

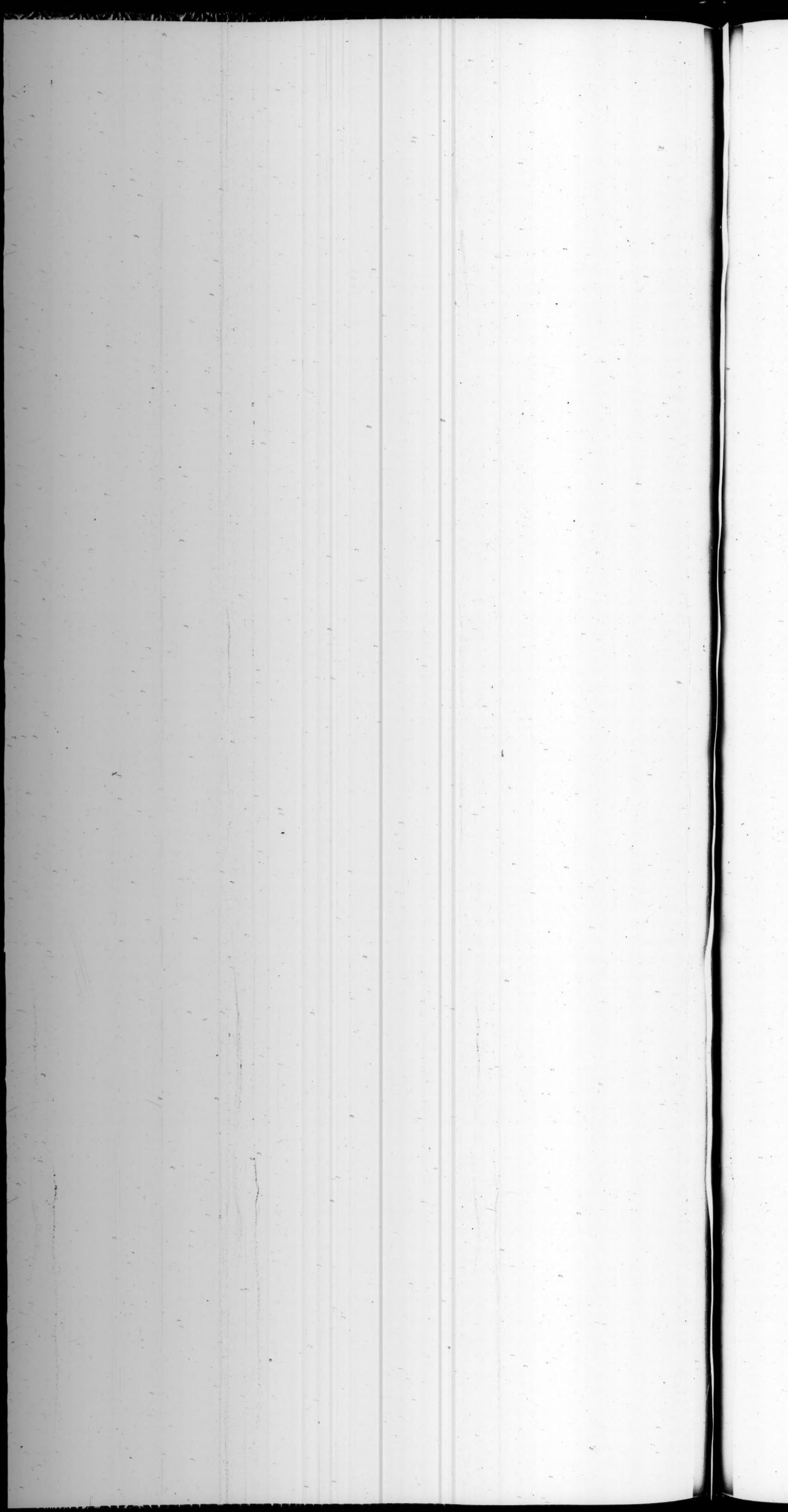
by her highnes commandement to be put in execution, vpon
the penalties in the same conteined.



Heresas the Queenes Maiestie hath by sundry former Proclamations notified vnto her louing Subiectes of this Realme, the great inconuenience and mischiche that hath growen to the same, by the great excesse of apparell in all states and degrees, but specially in the inferiour sort, contrarie to diuers lawes and Statutes of the Realme, whereof notwithstanding there hath folowed no redresse, or very little at al: whereby hath appeared no lesse contempt in the offendours, then lacke of ductifull care in those to whome the auctorite to see due execution of the lawes and orders prouided in that behalfe was committed, which thing might give her Maiestie iust cause (were it not that of her own gratiouse disposition she is naturally inclyned rather to clemencie then seueritie, so long as there is any hope of redresse otherwayes) to commit the execution of the sayde lawes, to such persons as would haue procced therin with all extremitie. Notwithstanding, her Maiesty meaning to make some further tryall, before she haue recourse to extreme remedies, and finding vpon conference had with the Lordes and others of her priuie counsayle, for the redresse of so greevous and pernicious a sore in this common wealth, the chiefe remedies for the same, to be example, and correction: Her Maiestie therfore for the first, whiche is example, thynketh it very meete and expedient, that the due execution in her Maiesties most honourable house, of such orders and articles as are annexed to this Proclamation, shoulde serue for a paterne throughout the whole Realme, and therfore her Maiestie hath already giuen, and by these presentes doeth giue speciall charge to all those that beare office within the sayde house, to see due obseruation of the same, which she trusteth wil be duely obserued. And further her Maiestie doeth generally charge all noble men, of what estate or degree so cuer they be, and all and cuery persons of her priuie Counsaile, all Archbischoppes, and Bishops, and the rest of the Clergie, and all other persons, according to theyr degres, that they doo respectiuely see the same speedily and due-lye executed in their priuate householde and families: and likewise doeth charge all Maiors and other head officers of Cities and Townes corporate, the Chauncellours of both the Uniuersities, gouernours of Colledges, readers, auncientes & Benchers in cuery the Innes of Court and Chauncerie, and general-ly all that haue any superioritie or gouernement ouer and vpon any societie or feloweship, and eche man in his owne householde for theyr children and seruantes, that they likewise doo cause the sayde orders to be straightly kept by all lawfull meanes that they can.

And for the seconde, which is correction, her Maiestie hath cause to think, that if there had bene that seueritie vsed by those to whom the oversight of the due execution of the lawes prouided in that behalfe was committed, as to them in duetie appertained, both this sore had bene cured, and this Proclamation not needfull to haue bene published at this present.

For the better reformation whcreof, her Maiesties will and pleasure is, and so doth straightly charge and commaunde, not onely al Justices of peace, and euery of them, to make inquirie of the defaultes and breaking of the sayde orders, at every their quarter Sessions, and also the Justices of Assise in ther circuites, and to see such examples made, and due punishmentes extended vpon the offendours, as by the Statutes of this Realme, with such qualifikacions as in this present Proclamation are conteyned, is prouided in that behalfe: but also, that aswell the sayde Justices, as all Maiors, Shirkes, and other head officers, in Cities, townes, and Boroughes, shall at any other time, cause all such persons as shall be founde faultie, and transgressing agaynst this proclamation, after the last day of Marche next ensuyng, to be apprecheded and brought before them, and finding them culpable, to commit them to prysone, there to remayne without bayle or mayncprise by the space of one moneth, unlesse the said parties so founde culpable, or charged as culpable, shal enter into bondes to appeare before the Justices at the next quarter Sessions of the peace, or of the Assises to be holden within the same Shyre, Citie, Borough, Towne Corporate, Fraanchise, or libertie, and there to be answerable for al such offences as shalbe proued that they haue committed contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Proclamation.



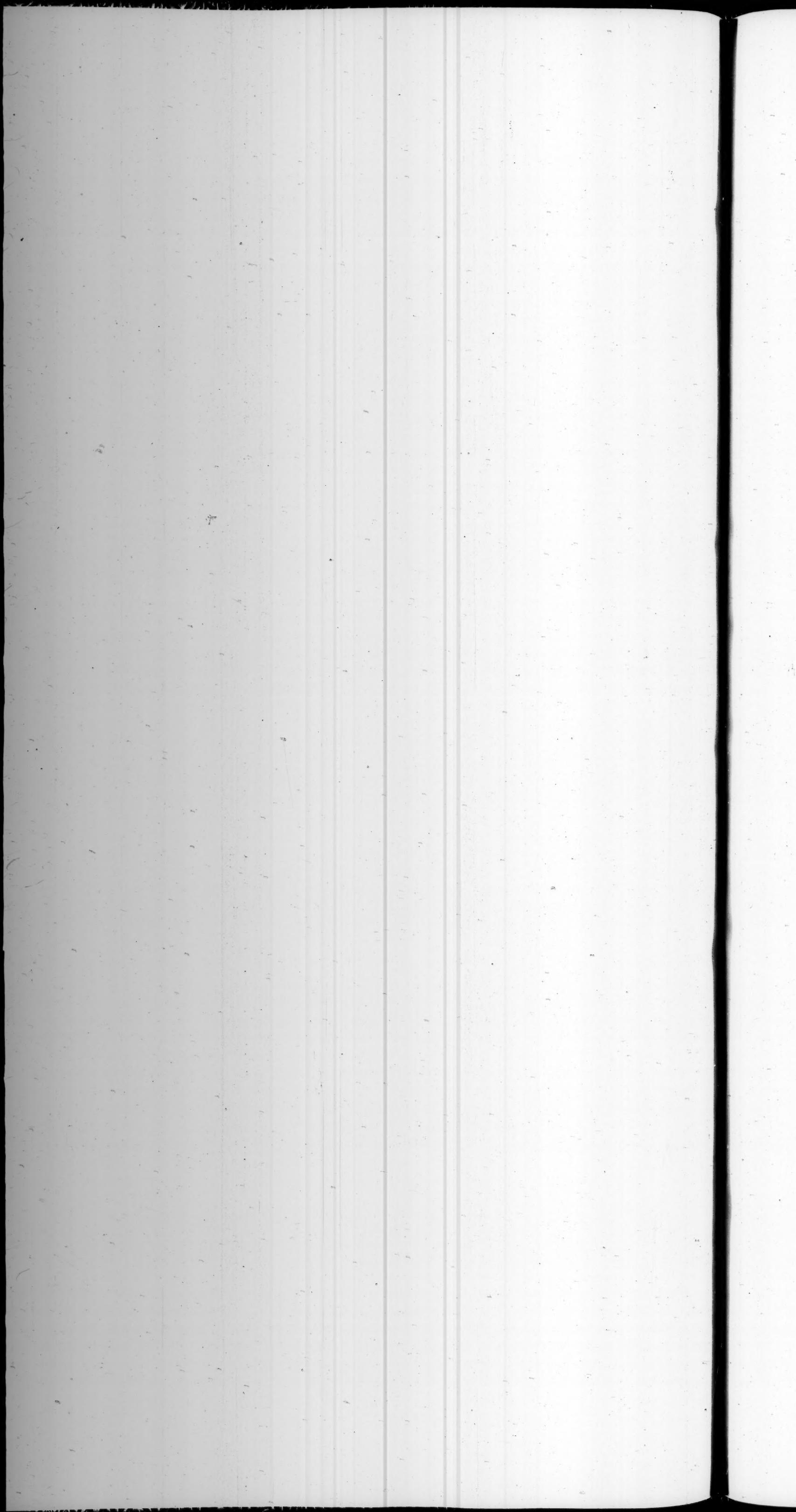
And whereas it is appointed by the Statutes of this Realme, what every person shall or may weare in them apparel, according to the severall rates of theyr lyuings in landes or fees, ouer and aboue all charges, and in some cases, of goodes, forasmuch as the lacke of the true and common vnderstanding of every mans estate and liuing, in sort before expressed, hath beene (as it seemeth) heretofore some principal cause of the lacke of the true execution of the sayde Statutes, and that it doeth manifestly appere, that the same cause will also in time to come worke the like effect, for that there is no conuenient meane to make the states of mens liuings and values, in such sort as is expressed in the severall statutes, to be commonly knownen, to such persons as ought to haue speciall care of the execution of the lawes and orders now prescribed. Her Maiestie, being desirous for the great benefite of al her highnesse Subiectes, to haue these orders more duly executed then they haue beene, and finding that it is very harde for any mans state of living and value, to be truely vnderstoode by other persons, if before prooife made they shoulde seeme to take knowledge of any other values and rates, then of such as be, or ought to be, for the greatest nomber expressed in the Subsidie booke, and so for lacke of the knowledge of the true rates & values mentioned in the saide statutes, the due execution of these orders may be defrauded: doeth therfore, for the auoyding of the inconuenience that may ensue, order and commaunde, that all persons, that by this Proclamation be appointed to haue care of the execution of these orders, shall for the first calling, arresting, committing, or any other pursuing of any person, for any offence committed against these orders, take knowledge of the rates and values, whereby such persons are fessed in the Subsidie bookes, and shall accordingly proceede vpon such knowledge of their values, to impeache such as will in their apparel offend to the contrarie thercof. Neuerthelesse, if any person shall finde hym selfe greeued to be impeached therewith, and for the iustifying of the wearing of his apparel, shall vpon any arrest or indictment founde agaynst hym auowe, and offer to prooue his lyuing to be such, and so great, as by the rates expressed in the Statutes he may be warranted to weare the apparel for the which he is or shall be impeached: Her Maiesties meaning and pleasure is, that euery such person shalbe admitted to make such prooife, and thereupon shall receyue iudgement of condemnation, or acquital, according to the rates expressed in the statutes, and not other wise, without impeaching any officer, or other person, that did arrest, chalenge, or proceede against him for such matter, though in the Subsidie booke his values were not sufficient to warrant the values mentioned in the actes of Parliament: Not doubting, but that all such persons, as for the maintenance of their fonde vanitie in apparel, will seeke to make their liuings to be knownen and prooued to be greater, then they were before in sellementes of Subsidies taken to be, wherof her Maiestie had the losse, shalbe thought meete by such Commissioners as hereafter shall haue authoritie to rate men vpon the grauit of any Subsidie, to be fessed in the Subsidie bookes, according to such values as them selues will auowe to haue for defence of wearing of such kinde of apparel, and also will be content to be answerable to the charge of other necessarie seruices for the Realme, as causes shall require.

And because there are many persons, that percase shalbe founde in outward appearance more sumptuous in their apparel, then by common intendement the values of their possessions or goodes may warrant, & yet they are not asselld in any Subsidie booke, partly for that they are dwelling in such places of the Realme, as are not chargeable to payments of Subsidies, or that percase they haue escaped to be asselld, or otherwise not asselld, wherupon such persons may think to continue their disorder, without reformation by the maner here next before prescribed: Her Maiestie, for remedie hereof, commaundeth al manner of officers, that wher they shall see any such persons in outward appearance so offendynge, and not hauing knowledge of their values by booke of Subsidies, as afore is expressed, that neuerthelesse they shall stay such persons, and challenge them for such pretended offence, and deteyne them, as before by this Proclamation is limited, vntill they shall enter into bond, to make good prooife that they can dispende so much in lande and fees, or be so much woorth in goodes, as by the lawes they be thereby warranted to weare such apparel: And that no publique officer shalbe at any tyme impeached for such stay, and deteynor of any such person, so apparently seeming to haue offended.

Provided alwayes notwithstanding, that the sayd publique officer shall not at any time, vnder the colour of the execution of this present Proclamation, arrest any person or persons, whom either they them selues shalbe knownen and prooued to malice, or els shalbe procured thereto by others, in respect of some particular quarrell, vpon payne of her Maiesties displeasure, and such punishment as shall be thought meete by the Lordes and others of her Maiesties priuie Counsayle.

Gyuen at our Palace of Westminster, the xii. of Februarie, in the xxii. yere of our raigne.

God sauе the Queene.



A briefe content of certaine clauses

of the Statutes of King Henrie the eyght, and Queene Marie,

with some moderation thereof, and other prouisions to be obserued,
according to her Maiesties Proclamation
aboue mentioned.

Mens apparell.

Sylke of the colour Pur-
ple, cloth of Golde, or Sil-
uer Tissued, nor Furre of
Sables.

Cloth of Golde, Siluer,
or Tinsell Satten.
Sylke, Cloth, Canvas, or any
stiffe in any apparell, that shalbe
myxed or imbrodered with any
Gold or Siluer.

Woollen clothe made out of the
Realme, sauing in Cappes only.

Crymson,
Veluet Carnation,
or Blewe.
Scarlet cloth.

Furres of Blacke Jenets,
or Lusernes.

Imbroderie, or Taylers worke,
hauing Golde, or Siluer, or
Pearle therin. Nor any Enami-
ell, Muske, Ambergreice, Agate,
or any other pretious Stone, in
Chayne, Button, or Aglet. Nor
any Dublet, Jerkin, or other ap-
parel of any stiffe perfumed.

Gownes, Clokes,
Capes, or other vp-
permost garments

Furres of Libardes.

Imbroderie, or Taylers woorke
like to imbroderie, with Sylke,
Bugle, or any other like thing.

Nor any Cappes, Hats, Hat-
bandes, Capbands, Garters,
Bootehose, trymmed with
Or Sylke neather Stockes.

Shertes, Shertbandes garnished, mixte, or
wrought with Golde.

Ruffes made or wrought out of Englannde, com-
monly called Cutworke.

Spurres,
Swordes,
Rapiers,
Skaynes,
Woodknyues, or Hangers.
Buckles of Gyrdles.

Damasked, vnder the degree of
Guylte, vnder the degree of a Knight.

Syluered, vnder the degrees and persons before mentioned.

Studdes, Buckles, or Gilte, Siluered,

In trappings, or other garniture, being or Damasked.

Harnesse for any Nor Stirrops Guylte, Siluered, or Damasked,

Nor any velvet in Saddles, or Horse trappings.

A Knight of the order.
One of the priuie Counsell.
A Gentleman of the priuie Cham-
ber.

vnder the degree of a Knight.

The degrees before

mentioned, and other

Gentlemen only in

the furniture of their

great Horses meete

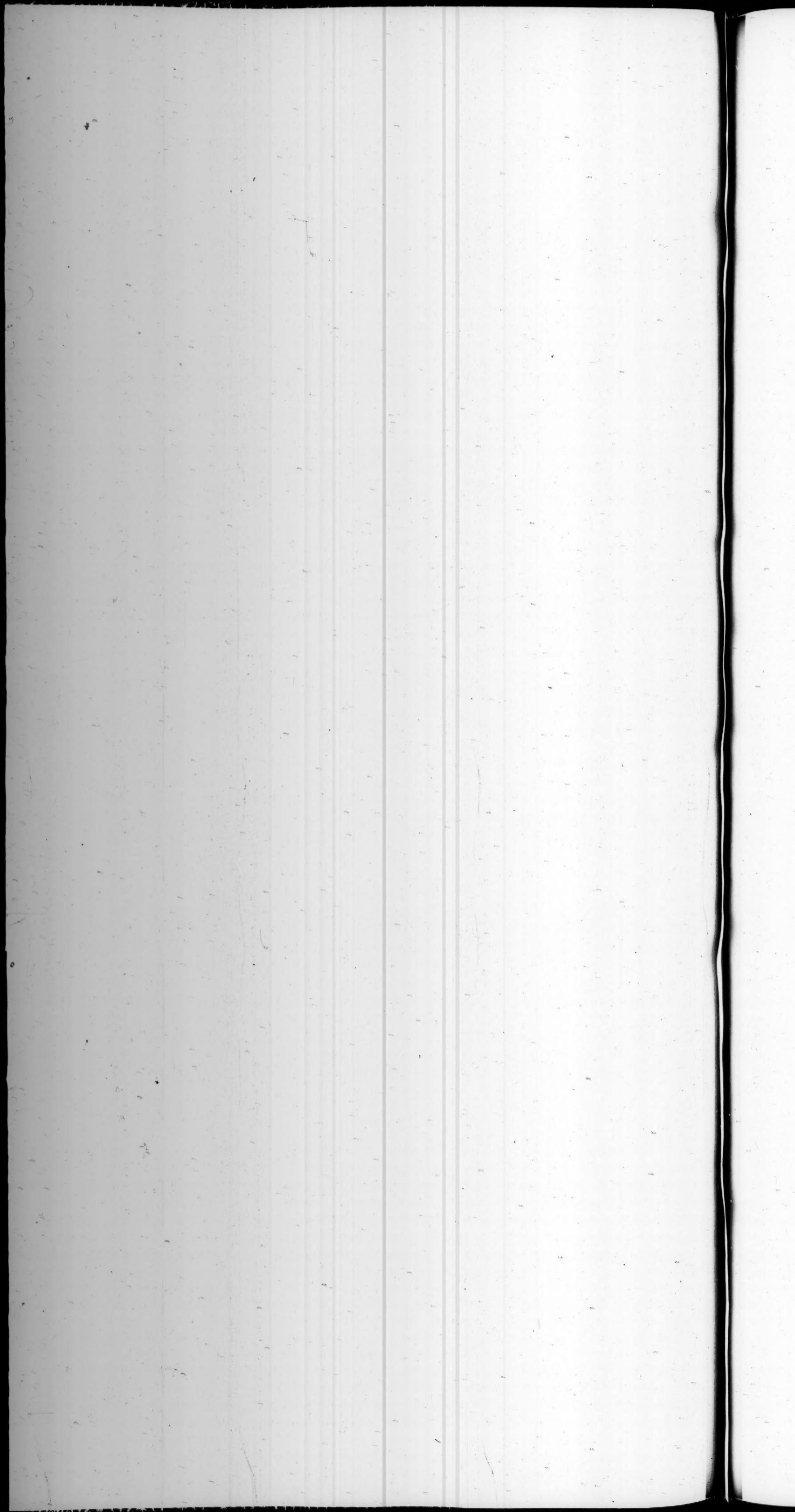
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None shal
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{ Veluet in garment, or in garding of any
Slippers, Shooes, or
Pantophylcs.

Gowne or Hose of
Hosen
Satten,
Damaske,
Sylke Chamlet,
Taffata, or
tuffed Taffata, or
Hose made of Sylke Lace.

furre, wherof the like kinde groweth not with-
in the Queenes Dominions, excepte foynes,
gray Jenets, Calaber, Budge, outlandish Hare,
or Foxe.

None shal
wear

any Bonnet,
Hatte,
Girdle, or
Scaberdes of Swords,
or Rapiers

any Satten,
Damaske,
Taffata, or
Chamlet,
Jackettes,
Coates,
Jerkyngs,
Dublets,
or any silk of any kind,
in lynynges of Hose.

any foynes, graye Jenettes, or other,
any furre of Wherof the kinde groweth not
within the Queenes Dominions.

except

Men that be of the degree, & per-
sons aboue mentioned, and men
that may dispense one hundred
Marks in lads or fees by yere,
& so valued in the subsidy booke,
or valued at five hundred pounds
in goods, or such person as shall
continually keepe a great Horse,
furnished for seruice in warre.

Note that
the Lorde

Chauncelor,
Treasurer,
President of the Counsel,
Pruiue Seale, and other like
great offices of the Realme,

Bishops, and other of the Clergie,
Justices of eyther Benche,
Barons of the Exchequer,
Master of the Rolles,
Sergeantes at Lawe,
The Queenes learned Counsell,
and the Queenes Philistions,
and al other graduats in the two vniuersities.
Masters of the Chauncerie,
Apprentices of the Lawe,
Mayors,
Aldermen,
Sheriffes,
and al other head officers of Cities & Townes
corporate, & wardens of occupations, during
the continuance of their offices.
Barons of the ffe Portes.

may weare in their apparel, and upon
their Horses, Mules, and Geldinges,
as they might haue done before by the
provision of former Statutes of this
Realme.

may weare in their apparel, and up-
on their Mules, and Horses, as they
haue done before by the provisions of
former Statutes.

Note that
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Womens Apparel.

Sylke of the colour Purple.

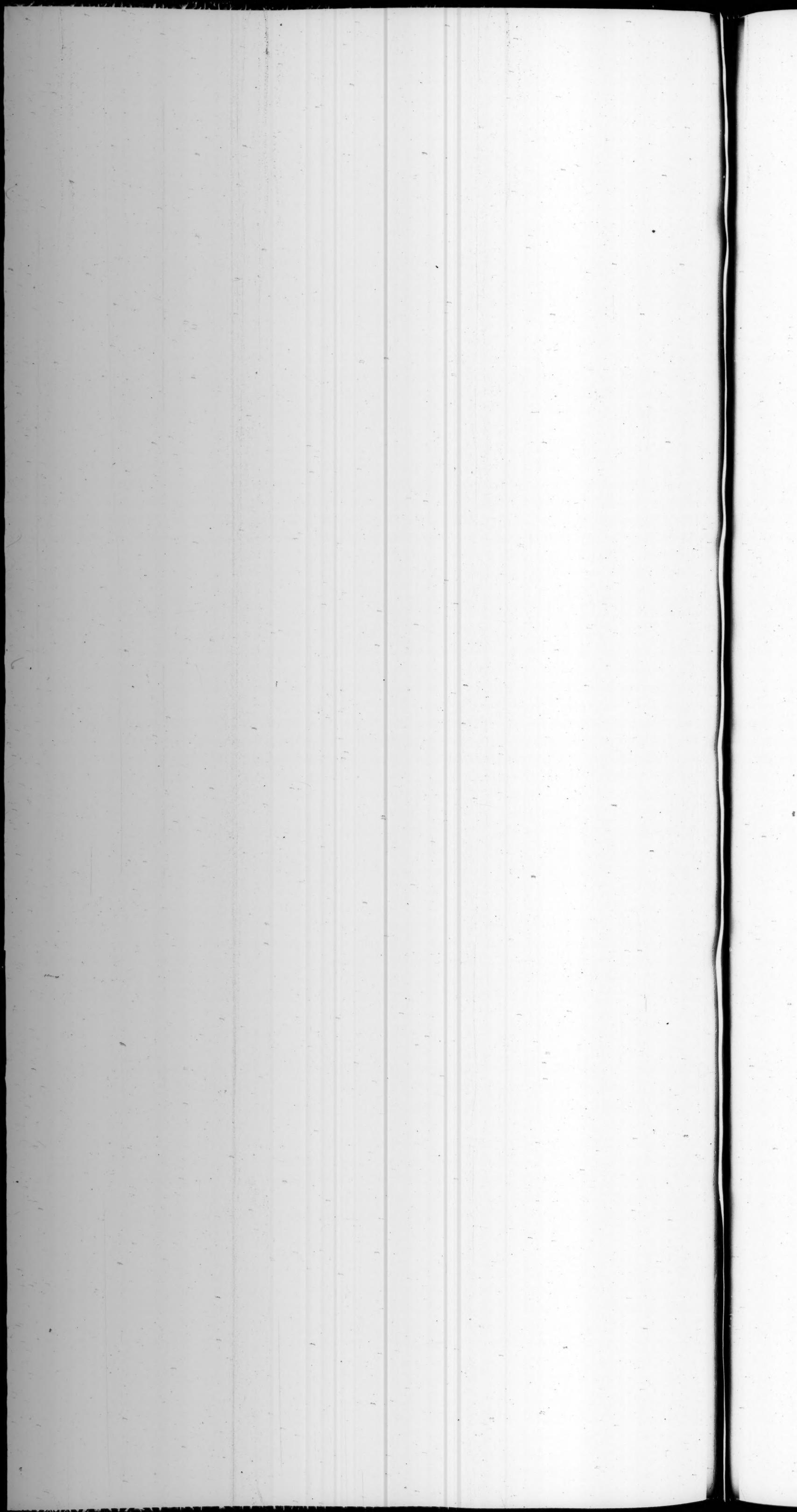
} except such persons of great estate as are ex-
plained in the Statute of 24 Hen. 8.

{ Cloth of { Golde or
Nor furre of Sables. { Siluer tissue,

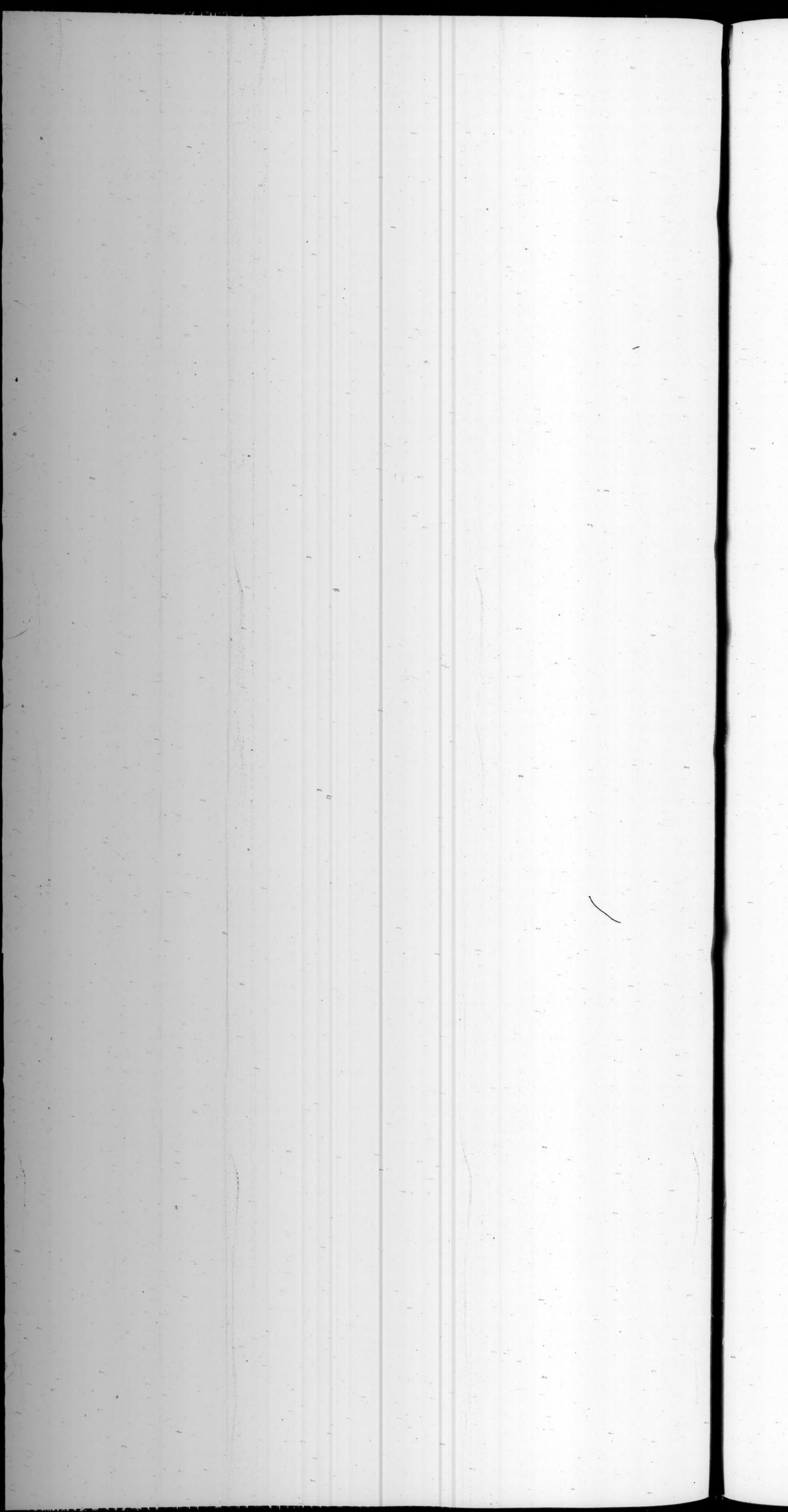
} under the degree of A Countesse.

{ Cloth of { Golde,
Sylke, or Cloth mixed or imbrode-
red w Golde, or Siluer, or Pearle,
sawing Sylke mixed with Golde or
Siluer, in lyming of Caules, Part-
lettes, or Sleeues.

} under the degree of A Baroness.



Veluet	Crimson, Carnation, Blewe.		All degrees aboue mentioned.			
			The wyues of Knights of the order, of the priuie Counsell.			
Furres of Imbroderie, wryth Lace, or Pavement Lace of	Blacke Jenets, Lusernes. Gold, or Siluer.	except	The Ladys and Gentlewomen of The priuie Chamber, Bedde Chamber, and Maydes of Honor.			
Gownes or Clokes of Veluet, Satten, or stiffe Taffata.		The degrees & persons aboue mentioned.				
			Barons sonnes, and also the daughters of Barons, and the wyues of Knights, or of persons that may dispend and be felled at two hundred pound landes in the subsidie booke.			
Furres of Libardes.		And wyues of				
Imbroderie of any Sylke, nor Taylers woozke, like to imbroderie, nor Caules, Sleeucs, Ruffes, Partlets or linings	Pearle, Spangles, or Purles of gold or Siluer.	except				
Hattes, Cappes, Hatbandes, Capbandes,	Garnished or Imbrodered with Gold or Siluer.					
white woozkes, alias Cutwoozkes, made beyonde the Seas. Sylke Hole.		Under the degrees and persons aboue mentioned.				
Gownes, Cloakes, or other vpper garments of	Damaske, Sylke Grograine, or Taffata.	except				
Kirtles of Veluet, or Satten.						
Furres, whereof the kinde groweth not within the Queenes Dominions, except Foynes, gray Jenettes, Budge, and Woolfe.						
Caulcs of Gold or Siluer, or Caulcs myred with Golde or Syluer.						
Veluet in gardes of Gownes.						
None shall weare any	Taffata, Sylke Grograine, Chamlet,	except				
Kirtles of Satten, or Damaske,						
Gentlewomen ordinarily at- tendaunt vpon	Dutchesses, Marquesses, Countesses,					
Gentlewomen ordinarily at- tendaunt vpon	Viscountes wyues, Barons wyues, the wyues of Knighthes of the order, & of the priuie Counsell,					
Peticoates of Veluet, nor any Golde or Syluer up- on any Peticoate,		Under the degree of A Baronesse.				
None shall weare any	Peticoates of Sylke, Veluet, Taffata, Satten, or any Golde or Syluer in any	Cloake or Sauegarde, Under the degree of	A wyfe of a Knight of the Order, or of the priuie Counsell, or any Gentlewoman atteding on the Queenes Maistrie in her Chamber, or the Maydes of Honor.			
No person under the degrees aboue specified, shall weare any garde or welt of Sylke, vpon any Cloake or Sauegarde.						
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Necessarie additions.

- 1 In primis, that all officers of her Maiesties houshalde, and other her seruauntes in ordinarie , not conteyned within the rates limitedt and set forth by the Proclamation , shall obserue such orders for their apparel, as shalbe from tyme to tyme set downe in wryting by the Lord Chamberlaine , the master of the Horse, and other her Maiesties principal officers of her houshalde.
- 2 Item, if any person shal, in contempt & defrauding of this Proclamation, deuise any newe kynde or fourme of apparell, and for garnishyng thercof, and thereby shalbe at greater charge then appertayneth to his degree and qualitie , and is here aboue mentioned and intended : Then the sayde person to susteyne the lyke punishment for his contempt, as if the sayde garment or garnishyng had been especilly prohibited.
- 3 Item, that it shalbe lawfull for all Justices of peace, and Scheriffes of Shires, to weare Veluet or other Silkes in their Coates or Casockes , at such tymes as they shall attende vpon the Queenes Maiesties person , or when they shall resort to places of Assizes and Sessions , and other generall assemblies for the Queenes seruice.
- 4 Item, that no person vnder the degree of a Baron, a Knight of the order, one of the priuie Counsel, a gentleman of her Maiesties priuie Chamber , or any other gentleman ordinarily attendant vpon her Maiesties person, shall weare any gardes of Veluet vpon any one garment , exceeding in the whole in Veluet the breadth of sixe inches.
- 5 Item, that it shalbe lawfull for the Lordes of the Parliament , to giue for their luyteries, Coates, or Cloakes, garded with Veluet or any other Silke, the gardes in the whole not exceeding in breadth aboue foure inches.
- 6 Item, that it shalbe lawfull for the sonnes of those that may dispende .xl.l. by the yeere, being so rated at the last Subsidie, and for wardes whose land is .xl.l. by the yeere, to weare Sarcenet in the lyning of their Hose, Dublets, Hattes, or Cappes.
- 7 Item, that it shalbe lawful to weare in luyteries, Silke Buttons, and Taffata, Grograyne, Veluet, or other Silke in the facing of Coates, as is commonly vsed.
- 8 Item, that all inferior persons, vnder the degrees aboue specified, not otherwyse prouyded for, or limited by this Proclamation, shall conserue them selues in their apparel, in all thynges according to the Statute made & prouided in anno. 24. Henrici. 8. and in anno. 1. 2. Philippi & Marie. Or els to susteyne such punishment as by the sayd Statute is prouided.
- 9 Item, that all Apprentices at the lawe, and vther barristers of the Innes of Court, and al Marchauntes of any societie, and al that keepe household in Citie or Towne, and such as may dispend .xxi.l. by the yeere, may weare a welt of Veluet in their Gownes, Jackets, or coates.

That no person shalbe impeached for wearyng of any cloth made within the Realme so long as he shal obserue the order and rates by this present Proclamation limited. But if any person shall willingly breake the tenor and effect of this Proclamation , then her highnesse pleasure is, that euery such offender shall haue the penalties of the lawes extended agaist them to the vttermest , without any toleration or fauour.